

**"EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE"**  
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For: TREATMENT OF DIABETES WITH THIAZOLIDINEDIONE,  
INSULIN SECRETAGOGUE AND DIGUANIDE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.